

**REMARKS**

**A. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1, 9, 10, 11 and 14 are amended, and claims 2-8, 12-13, and 15-19 are cancelled without prejudice to future prosecution. Therefore, with entry of these amendments, claims 1, 9, 10, 11 and 14 are pending.

**B. Support for the Amendments**

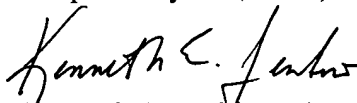
Support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed, including, for example, at page 19, line 22 to page 20, line 25; and original claim 13.

**C. Group Election**

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 24, 2005, Applicants hereby elect Group I for prosecution on the merits. Applicants note that all of the pending claims as amended are directed to the subject matter of Group I (an electrospray ionization method).

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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